

THE VVFC NEWS ALERT BACKPAGE AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2007



INFLUENZA VACCINE

2007-2008 SEASON

Earlier this year we sent out VVFC Advanced Influenza Vaccine Order Forms.

If you would like to reduce your VVFC influenza vaccine order, please contact us immediately. We apologize, but we cannot accept any order increases at this time.

VVFC has placed our Influenza vaccine order for the entire season and are now awaiting arrival from the manufacturer. Because we have already ordered our supply for the season, we cannot guarantee that orders received after the deadline (April 13, 2007) will be filled.

The requests for vaccine exceeded what CDC allowed VVFC to order this year. **ALL APPROVED ORDERS WILL BE DECREASED PROPORTIONALLY TO MAXIMIZE DISTRIBUTION.** Vaccine for the VVFC patients 36 months-18 years will be delivered in a **variety of package sizes**. This vaccine comes in 0.5mL dose vials, one multi-dose 5mL vial, and 0.5mL syringes. Vaccine for VVFC patients 6 months-35 months will only come in 0.25mL syringes. Facilities will not be given a choice on package size.

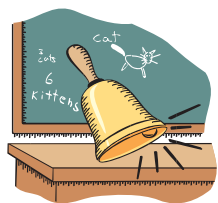
Vaccine shipments will begin when Influenza vaccine is received by our distributor, which is typically in early October. FluMist orders may be delivered as early as August or September. Facilities will receive partial shipments throughout the season, depending on when and how much of the vaccine is released by the manufacturer. *The current VIS for TIV and LAIV are included in this mailing. There may be a change in the LAIV VIS before the season begins (delay mass printing).*



VVFC VACCINE ORDERS

There have been many recent changes in the way VVFC vaccine orders are handled. It is VVFC's goal to get needed vaccine to the appropriate facilities as quickly as possible. Shipments are taking longer to be received, so please be sure to order 2-3 weeks BEFORE running out of vaccine.

It is also important to order no more than once every THREE months (unless otherwise authorized by your VVFC Consultant). This helps keep the volume of orders manageable so they can be distributed in a timely fashion. We will be reviewing order frequency at all annual quality assurance visits.



Merck reports a 5-6 week delay on varicella orders due to a vial filling issue. They assure us there is no shortage. Also, please remember all MMRV orders will be filled with MMR and varicella until further notice.

VACCINE RETURNS

We have received additional guidance from McKesson about how to return spoiled or expired vaccines. **The return label on the McKesson boxes is now a UPS label.** Please continue to return extra boxes as well as any wasted vaccine. Place a COPY of the VVFC Return Form with your wasted vaccine. If you have a problem with UPS accepting these boxes, please call McKesson at 877-822-7746 and they will schedule a pick-up so there will be no charge to your facility.



VVFC AWARDS

Gold Stars awarded May-June 2007.

Exceptional Immunization Rates

*Annandale Pediatric Associates, Annandale
Family Health Care Center of Gretna, Gretna
Front Royal Family Practice, P.C., Front Royal
Kids Choice Pediatrics, P.C., Spotsylvania
Practice of Dr. Piccio-Azarcon, Alexandria
Stanton River Family Physicians, Hurt*

(Immunization rates exceed 90% using CoCASA software)

Outstanding VVFC Compliance

*Burkeville Medical Group, Burkeville
Carilion Family Medicine-Southeast, Roanoke
Carilion Roanoke Community Hospital, Roanoke
Cartersville Family Medicine, Inc., Cartersville
Central VA Community Health Center, New Canton
Children's Clinic, L.T.D., Hayes
Chincoteague Island Community Health, Chincoteague
Community Memorial Health Center, South Hill
Practice of Dr. De La Cruz, Portsmouth
Ezra M. Morgan, M.D., P.C., Falls Church
Franconia Pediatrics & Adolescent, Alexandria
Practice of Hien V. Ho, M.D., Falls Church
Kenbridge Family Medicine, Kenbridge
Practice of Dr. Kim, Portsmouth
Lunenburg Medical Center, Victoria
The Pediatric Group - Woodbridge, Woodbridge*

MENINGOCOCCAL

VVFC offers meningococcal vaccine (MCV4) for all children 11-18 years of age with priority given to high risk populations if supplies are limited. Currently, the manufacturer reports that there are no limitations in the MCV4 supply. For more information on MCV4 recommendations, please visit www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/vfc/downloads/resolutions.

VVFC will no longer be offering meningococcal polysaccharide vaccine.

